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Special Plant Exhibit Planned at the **Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**

Baker City, Ore. – A special exhibit at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (NHOTIC) explores the roles that native plants and pollinators play in an ecosystem.

"The Native Landscape: Plants & Pollinators of Sagebrush Country" opens July 19 and will be on display through December 12 of this year.

Visitors to the exhibit will learn about some of the most common native plants found on the sagebrush steppe. The exhibit will feature interactive displays that explore the smells, colors and sights of a thriving native plant landscape. Photographs and illustrations of flowers and pollinators will complement discussions of ethnobotany and how native plants and pollinators are essential to a balanced ecosystem.

The exhibit is in the Flagstaff Gallery at NHOTIC. Live presentations, films, and activities related to the exhibit are scheduled throughout the summer months.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is currently open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8.00 and it's \$4.50 for seniors; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are accepted.

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